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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

## Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed August 16, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on November 16, 2004.

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